REMARKS

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10 have been canceled in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 5. Claim 4 has been amended to conform to the amendments to claim 1 and to claim treatment of classical swine fever infections as taught by the application as originally filed. In view of the comments of the Examiner indicating allowable subject matter, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectively requested.

Accordingly, the purpose of the claimed invention is not taught nor suggested by the cited references, nor is there any suggestion or teaching which would lead one skilled in the relevant art to combine the references in a manner which would meet the purpose of the claimed invention. Because the cited references, whether considered alone, or in combination with one another, do not teach nor suggest the purpose of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the prior art, including the art cited merely of record.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that its claims 1, 4 and 5 are in condition for allowance at this time, patentably distinguishing over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-2500 to discuss any remaining issues that may exist or arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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